

# Senate Study Bill 1027

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED CIVIL RIGHTS  
COMMISSION BILL)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act granting the civil rights commission additional subpoena  
2 power to investigate unfair or discriminatory practices and  
3 providing an effective date.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 1072DP 83  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 216.5, subsection 13, Code 2009, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 13. To issue subpoenas and order discovery as provided by  
1 4 this section in aid of investigations and hearings of alleged  
1 5 unfair or discriminatory ~~housing or real property~~ practices.  
1 6 The subpoenas and discovery may be ordered to the same extent  
1 7 and are subject to the same limitations as subpoenas and  
1 8 discovery in a civil action in district court.  
1 9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
1 10 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.  
1 11 EXPLANATION  
1 12 This bill grants the civil rights commission the authority  
1 13 to issue subpoenas and order discovery to aid in investigating  
1 14 alleged unfair or discriminatory practices. Current law  
1 15 grants the commission this subpoena authority only for  
1 16 investigations of unfair or discriminatory housing or real  
1 17 property practices. The bill takes effect upon enactment.  
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